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Special Birding Weekend at the Preserve

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve announced today that a special weekend for bird lovers is scheduled for May 31 and June 1.

The weekend begins with 90- minute birding hikes offered both days at 8 a.m. Hikes leave from the Bottomland Trail located two miles south of the historic ranch headquarters and 1/3 mile east on the gravel county road near St. Anthony cemetery. Hikers are encouraged to wear protective clothing, use sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring drinking water, binoculars, and birding guidebooks.


Birding's Not Just For the Birds: Getting a Good Start in Birding will be presented both days and is designed to be an introduction to one of the fastest growing outdoor recreational activities in America. Using self- constructed paper airplanes, visitors will learn flight dynamics at the children's workshop at 1 p.m. No matter your skill level, with a few easy pointers, anyone can begin to appreciate these wonders of nature and the wonders of nature itself.

On Saturday, May 31st at 2 p.m., the *Birds of Prey* program will be presented in the historic barn by naturalist Vanessa Avara from the Milford Nature Center using live specimens. A touch table will be available for a closer view of different bird species.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a public/private partnership with the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, and the Kansas Park Trust. Located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway), the preserve's historic ranch headquarters is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Thanksgiving,

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Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, e- mail tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494.

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